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**Box Final
PATENT****Response and Argument**

Claims 1-20 are pending in the application. Claims 2-10 and 18-20 are allowed. Claims 1 and 13-17 stand rejected. Claims 11 and 12 are objected to. Applicants are canceling claims 1 and 13-17 without prejudice. In compliance with the Examiner's suggestion, applicants are rewriting claim 11 in independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants believe the rewriting of claim 11 places both claim 11 and claim 12 in condition for allowance. Applicants, therefore, request the Examiner to: consider amended claim 11; and pass amended claims 11 and 12 on to allowance, along with previously allowed claims 2-10 and 18-20.

In canceling claims 1 and 13-17 without prejudice, applicants reserve the right to submit those claims in a divisional application at a future time.

Rejection of Claims 1, 15, and 16 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) over U.S. 3,956,218

Claims 1, 15, and 16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Keppler *et al.* (U.S. 3,956,218). Applicants are canceling claims 1, 15, and 16, rendering moot the Examiner's rejection.

Rejection of Claims 13, 14, and 17 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over U.S. 3,956,218

Claims 13, 14, and 17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Keppler *et al.* (U.S. 3,956,218). Applicants are canceling claims 13, 14, and 17, rendering moot the Examiner's rejection.

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PATENT****Conclusion**

Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to:

- a) cancel claims 1 and 13-17 without prejudice;
- b) enter amended claim 11; and
- d) pass claims 11 and 12 on to allowance (along with previously allowed claims 2-10 and 18-20)

Fee Deficiency

If an extension of time is deemed required for consideration of this Amendment, please consider this Amendment to comprise a Petition for such an extension of time; The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee for such extension to Deposit Account No. 18-1850.

and/or

If any additional fee is deemed required for consideration of this Amendment, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 18-1850.

Please direct all further correspondence to the undersigned, as agent of record.

Respectfully submitted.

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